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Re: Petition for Rule Making to Amend

The FM Table of Allotments, §73.202(b)

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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Pene Broadcasting Co, Inc., (PBCI) Licensee of FM Station KJAE (FM), Leesville, Louisiana, there is transmitted herewith a Petition for Rule Making to substitute Channel 228C3 for Channel 224A at Leesville, Louisiana, so that PBCI may upgrade the facilities of Station KJAE. In compliance with §1.420 of the Commission's Rules, a second Class C3 Channel is proposed for allocation to accommodate potential interested third parties.

Should there be any question regarding the attached Petition for Rule Making, please contact undersigned Counsel for PBCI.

Very truly yours,

Denise B. Moline

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Federal Communications Commission
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In re:)	
Amendment of Section 73.202(b) FM Table of Allotments)	MM Docket 98
FM Broadcast Stations Leesville, LA)	RM -
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To: Chief, Allocations Branch		

Policy and Rules Division

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Pene Broadcasting Company, Inc., ("PBCI") by Counsel, and pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, hereby respectfully submits its Petition for Rule Making for Amendment of the Commission's FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b), to substitute Channel 228C3 (93.5 MHZ) for Channel 224A (92.7 MHZ) at Leesville, Lousiana.

PBCI is the Licensee of FM Station KJAE (FM), Leesville, Lousiana. KJAE operates on Channel 224A. PBCI wishes to upgrade the service provided by KJAE (FM) to provide better service to its community of license, and to improve and increase its coverage to the communities surrounding Leesville, LA. To that end, PBCI commissioned engineering studies to determine the feasibility of such an upgrade. If the proposed Channel is substituted for Channel 224A, PBCI will file an application for construction permit for operation on the new Channel.

As set forth in the Engineering Statement of Laura Mizrahi of Communications

Technologies, Inc. attached hereto, PBCI herein proposes to substitute Channel 228C3 for

Channel 224A at Leesville. The proposal complies with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements, and will not conflict with other existing operations or pending

applications. If allocated, the upgraded channel will provide city grade service over the entire community of Leesville.

As further set forth in the attached Engineering Statement Channel 224A should be deleted from the Table of Allotments for Leesville, LA consistent with the Commission's current minimum spacing requirements.

In order to permit PBCI to upgrade to Channel 228C3 without competition, pursuant to Section 1.420(g) of the Rules, Petitioner hereby also proposes allocation of a second Class C3 channel to Leesville, Louisiana, Channel 252C3, to accommodate potential competing expressions of interest, and to provide a second aural outlet for Leesville. Channel 252C3 may be allocated to Leesville, LA in compliance with the Commission's requirements with a site restriction of 14.8 kM from the Leesville, LA reference coordinates. Operation from this site will also provide full city-grade coverage to Leesville.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing considered, PBCI respectfully requests that the Commission AMEND its FM Table of Allotments as follows:

Community of LicenseChannel No. (Present)Channel No. (Proposed)Leesville, LA224A, 289C3228C3, 252C3, 289C3

Respectfully submitted

PENE BROADCASTING CO., INC.

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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 73.202(B) OF THE FCC RULES TO SUBSTITUTE CHANNEL 228C3 FOR CHANNEL 224A AT LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA

ENGINEERING STATEMENT REGARDING PETITION FOR RULEMAKING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 73.202(B) OF THE FCC RULES TO SUBSTITUTE CHANNEL 228C3 FOR CHANNEL 224A AT LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA

JULY 1998

This engineering statement has been prepared on behalf of **Pene Broadcasting Company**, **Inc.**, licensee of FM broadcast station KJAE ("KJAE"), licensed to Leesville, Louisiana. This statement is in support of a Petition for Rulemaking to amend *Section 73.202(b)* of the Rules and Regulations, to substitute Channel 228C3 for Channel 224A at Leesville, Louisiana.

The proposal would not be in conflict with existing operations, pending applications and the required minimum mileage separations found in Section 73.207 of the FCC Rules.

Leesville is located in Vernon Parish, Louisiana. The 1990 U.S. Census lists Leesville with a population of 7,638 persons and the population of Vernon Parish at 18,331 persons.

An allocation study has been conducted for the proposed Channel 228C3 operation, utilizing reference coordinates located 6.7 kM from the city reference coordinates for Leesville. There are no short spacings from the reference site to existing or proposed allocations. The results of the study are shown on *Table I*, attached.¹

In order that Channel 228C3 be reserved for use by KJAE alone, a study was undertaken in order to identify a second equivalent channel which may be allocated to Leesville in this proceeding for possible competing expressions of interest and provide a second aural outlet to that community. It was determined that Channel 252C3 (98.3 mHz) may be allocated to Leesville with a site restriction 14.8 kM from the city reference coordinates.² The results of this study are shown on *Table II*, attached.³

It is noted that Channel 224A was allocated to Leesville, Louisiana under earlier, 3 kW, Class A distance separation

The reference coordinates for Channel 228C3 at Leesville are: NL: 31° 11′ 29″, WL: 93° 14′ 35″.

The city reference coordinates for Leesville, Louisiana are: N.L.: 31° 08' 14", 93° 16' 29".

The reference coordinates for Channel 252C3 at Leesville are: N.L.: 31° 15' 56", W.L.: 93° 19' 07".

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standards. The allotment coordinates for Channel 224A are short spaced under 73.207 separation standards and can

no longer be utilized. Accordingly, it is anticipated that Channel 224A will be deleted at Leesville in favor of the

superior Class C3 allotments proposed herein.

Both sets of Class C3 reference coordinates are within the 23.2 kM Class C3 city grade reference distance and,

therefore, will provide the requisite 70 dBu coverage of the entire community of Leesville.

The foregoing was prepared on behalf of Pene Broadcasting Company, Inc. by Laura M. Mizrahi of Communications

Technologies, Inc., Marlton, New Jersey, whose qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications

Commission. The statements herein are true and correct of her own knowledge, except such statements made on

information and belief, and as to these statements she believes them to be true and correct.

Laura M. Mizrahi

for Communications Technologies, Inc. Marlton, New Jersey

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me,

this 13 th day of July, 1998,

ESTHER G. SPERBECK
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 15, 2002